

A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home).—

(a) During the year 1964—9 cases.

During the year 1965—None.

(b) 109 persons.

(c) No.

Registration of Public Documents.

*Q.—242. Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgaum-I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) why the registration of public documents by photo-zinc method have been stopped at Belgaum Sub-Registrar's Office and since when it was stopped ;

(b) what is the present method followed in that Sub-Registrar's Office for registration of documents under the Indian Registration Act ;

(c) how many documents are pending for registration in that Office at present ;

(d) whether they are aware that inordinate delay is caused for the registration and for supplying of certified copies of the registered documents in the above office ;

(e) whether they are also aware that the public are put to great hardship due to this delay ;

(f) the steps they propose to take in this matter ;

(g) whether there are any Marathi hands in that Office knowing Modi-script ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) The Government of Maharashtra discontinued the photocopying of documents in respect of Belgaum Sub-Registrar's Office at the end of 5 years, period stipulated under States Reorganisation Act, 1956. It was stopped from 1st November 1961.

(b) The method of hand copying is being followed.

(c) 1,269 documents are pending to be copied.

(d) There has been some delay in the registration of documents but not in supplying copies of registered documents.

(e) Yes.

(f) The existing clerical strength of that Office has been increased to clear the arrears of copying.

(g) Yes.